formulations are governed under DPCO by a formula i.e. landed cost plus 50 per cent thereof. Individual imports of formulations are not monitored by this Department.

Price control on drugs

902. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs which were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and have been decontrolled under DPCO, 1987;

(b) on what basis these drugs were omitted from price control;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not varify the facts and deleted the drugs on the recommendations of the Committee;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have found that a number of drugs have been wrongly excluded; and

(e) if so, what are the names of such drugs and what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The names of controlled bulk drugs under Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1979 and Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987 are given in the respective DPCOs, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) to (e) Inclusions/exclusion of drugs under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, is mainly based on the recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in its Main as well as Supplementary Report. However, a number of representations, many from Hon'ble Members of Parliament for wrong exclusion of a number of bulk drugs from price control under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 has been received. The Government has already included 26 more bulk drugs under price control. The Standing Committee, constituted by this Department is looking into other cases.

Import of Vitamin by IDPL

903. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices at which IDPL was selling Vitamin Bl, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B6 and Folic Acid as on 31st July, 1990;

(b) what were the prices of these drugs before DPCO, 1987 and what are the reasons for which these drugs are outside price control in spite of monopoly situation;

(c) what is the quantity of each drug imported by IDPL during the period 1986-87 to 1989-90 and what was the CIF price of each drug of each import;

(d) whether IDPL has made any undue benefit on the imports of these drugs;

(e) if so, what is the unintended benefit made on each drug;

(f) whether his Ministry have recovered any amount on this account; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Statement-I giving the prices of drugs in question before the promulgation of DPCO, 1987 and as on 31st July, 1990 is attached. (*See* below) These drugs were price decontrolled based on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

(c) There were no imports of Folic Acid by IDPL during 1986-87 to 1989-90. Details of imports of other drugs and their c.i.f. prices during any of the years 1986-87 to 1989-90 are given in the attached statement-II (*See* below).

(d) to (g) The issue of recovery from IDPL, if any, in accordance with the due process of Law is being looked into.

Statement—I

(Rs. / Kg.)

S.No.	Name of the Drug	Price before DPCO, 1987	Price as on 31st July, 1990
1.	Vitamin B-1 Hcl	950	1402
2.	Vitamin B-1 Mononitrate	1011.50	1550
3.	Vitamin B-2	2098	2912
4.	Vitamin B-6	1200	1400
.	Folic Acid	2631.62	2640

Statement—II

S.No.	Name of the Drug	Year	Quantity imported (Kgs.)	CIF price of iport (Rs./Kg
1.	Vitamin B-1 Hcl.	1987-88	1500	457.79
2.	Vitamin B-1 Mc nchydrate	1987-88	449	449.00
3.	Vitamin B-2	1987-88	5000	680 00
		1988-89	3000	672 35
4.	Vitamin B-6	1988-89	3000	517.78

Oil explorating work in Bihar

904. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil exploration work in Bihar in the Kadmala Garauli area was stopped because of the controversy created by the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ONGC had to incur heavy loss for the last three months since the felling of trees in the area was objected to by the Environmental Ministry; and

(c) if so, what further action Government are taking to start the oil exploration work in the area?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) After completion of drilling operations at Ganauli at the end of March 1990, drilling operations at Kadmah in District West Champaran in Bihar were held up due to delay in environment clearance. ONGC had sought permission for felling 41 trees. The initial objection to granting environment clearance was because the area was in the proposed Tiger Project. However, environment clearance was accorded on 6th July, 1990 with certain stipulations. During the interim period, ONGC did suffer some losses on account of idling of the rig. The shifting of the rig equipment has now started and the spudding of the well is expected in September 1990.

905. [*Transferred to the 23rd August, 1990*]

Overcharging by m|s. Pfizer

906. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the